

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A method of providing sustained release of a drug to moist tissue comprising applying to said moist tissue a drug delivery device which is adherent to said moist tissue and includes a level of N,O-carboxymethylchitosan as a component thereof to provide said adherence, said drug delivery device further containing a sufficient quantity of the drug to be delivered to provide sustained release of said drug and permeation into said moist tissue or into the surrounding cavity.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said moist tissue comprises mucosal tissue.

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 2 wherein said mucosal tissue comprises tissue of the oral cavity.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 3 wherein said oral cavity tissue comprises buccal tissue.

Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein said drug is selected from the group consisting of melatonin, chlorpheniramine, chlorhexidine, tetracycline and mixtures thereof.

Claims 6-7 (canceled).

Claim ~~8~~⁶ (original): The method of claim 3 wherein said device comprises a structural support material selected from the group consisting of rubber, plastic, resin, natural and synthetic polymers, and mixtures thereof.

Claim ~~9~~⁷ (original): The method of claim 2 wherein said mucosal tissue comprises vaginal tissue.

Claim ⁸~~10~~ (original): The method of claim ⁷~~9~~ wherein said drug is selected from a group consisting of progestins, estrogens, antifungal agents, antibacterial agents, anti-viral agents, proteins and peptides.

Claim ⁹~~11~~ (original): The method of claim ⁸~~10~~ wherein said drug comprises levonorgestrel.

Claim ¹⁰~~12~~ (original): The method of claim 2 wherein said mucosal tissue comprises ocular tissue.

Claim ¹¹~~13~~ (original): The method of claim ¹⁰~~12~~ wherein said drug is selected from the group consisting of beta blockers and glaucoma treating drugs.

Claim ¹²~~14~~ (original): The method of claim 2 wherein said mucosal tissue comprises the gastrointestinal tract.

Claim ¹³~~15~~ (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said moist tissue is tissue in a serous cavity.

Claim ¹⁴~~16~~ (original): The method of claim ¹³~~15~~ wherein said moist tissue is tissue within the pleural, pericardial or peritoneal cavities.

Claim ¹⁵~~17~~ (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said moist tissue comprises bone.

Claims 18-26 (cancelled)